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Application No.: 09/786,985) Examiner: Unassigned
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For: MATERIAL WITH IMPROVED)
RESISTANCE TO THERMAL AGEING))
AND ITS METHOD OF PRODUCTION)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the subject application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

"This application is a national phase of PCT/FR99/02238 which was filed on September 21, 1999 and was not published in English."